IVANHOE ENERGY INC Form 8-K April 05, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 5, 2011

IVANHOE ENERGY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Yukon, Canada 000-30586 98-0372413

(State or other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation)

Suite 654 999 Canada Place

Vancouver, BC, Canada V6C 3E1
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (604) 688-8323

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 5, 2011 Ivanhoe Energy Inc. issued a press release announcing that positive gas flows have been recorded during testing operations on the Xu-5 formation of the Zitong-1 natural gas discovery well in China s Sichuan Province, that the Yixin-2 well has been prepared for fracture stimulation and that Sunwing Energy Ltd. is preparing a provisional development plan for the Zitong Block. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 News release, dated April 5, 2011.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 5, 2011 **IVANHOE ENERGY INC.**

Beverly A. Bartlett

Name: Beverly A. Bartlett

Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No99.1 News release, dated April 5, 2011.

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